

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II (**ABS**)  
Mohamed Okdie (**ABS**)

##### **Department Personnel Present**

DC Chester Logan  
Cmdr Gail Wilson-Turner  
Lt. Taryn Foreman  
Sgt. Dennis Myers  
Sgt. Romel Alexander  
P.O. Michael Woody  
P.O. Kent Cooper

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
Harrison Tolliver, Supervising Investigator

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Walters  
Ron Scott

#### **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:04 pm.

**Comm. Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of Comm. Holley, Comm. Okdie, Deputy Chief Chester Logan, Executive Director Dante' Goss, Interim Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard, Personnel Director Lawana Ducker and Attorney/Supervising Investigator Denise Hooks. She also acknowledged recorders Robert Brown and Terrence Bell and thanked them for being present.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Thursday, September 15, 2005(Amended)
- Thursday, September 22,2005

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

There was no report from the chair.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

**CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
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<b>2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1142</b>
<b>2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1247</b>

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **25** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **5** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **3** cases to OCI.

**Chairperson Ramirez**

**Exec. Dir. Goss**

**Comm. Holley**

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**Comm. Holley**

**Exec. Dir. Goss**

## **5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### ***"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"***



*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement**

#### **Domestic Violence**

#### **Special points of interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Thursday September 29, 2005

@3:00 P.M.

##### **Police Headquarters**

1300 Beaubien, Suite 328  
 Detroit, MI

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During the period of September 12th-September 18th, Narcotics / Gang Enforcement conducted 26 search warrants and 35 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 47 Felony arrests
- 77 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles detained
- 693.8 Grams of cocaine, 87.1 grams of heroin, 24,859.2 grams of marijuana, 262 pills—street value **\$536,356.00**
- **\$21,841.00** in U.S. Currency

#### **Confiscated:**

- 22 Hand guns
- 6 Vehicles

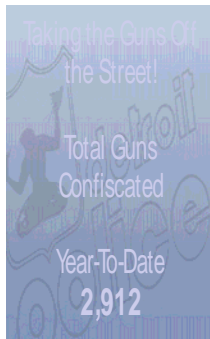
On September 16th, officers from the Domestic Violence Unit responded to the area of Schoolcraft and Greenfield on a "Stabbing" run. An investigation revealed that the man and his wife were engaged in an argument when his stepson intervened and a physical altercation ensued. The man's wife grabbed a kitchen knife and chased him down the street stabbing him twice in the back. When the man fell to the ground the stepson began to kick him in the head and face. **Both people were arrested without incident.** The woman was arrested for "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm", "Felonious Assault" and "Aggravated Domestic Violence." The stepson was arrested for "Assault and Battery." Confiscated was one kitchen knife.

#### **The Violent Crimes Task Force**

On September 18th, officers from the Violent Crimes Task Force, received information regarding a series of robberies in the Northeastern District. **As a result of their investigation one man was arrested for "Robbery / Armed-Business."** Further investigation resulted in the identification of other men involved in the robberies as well.



Eastern District



On September 18th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 19000 block of Albion on a "Shots Fired" run. An investigation revealed that two (2) juveniles who are apart of a neighborhood gang known as the "Runyon Avenue Gang" saw several rival gang members on the street and fired numerous shots from inside of the house. Both juveniles were detained without incident. Confiscated were three (3) loaded assault rifles and ammunition.

Northeastern District

On September 13th, officers from the Northeastern District responded to the 10000 block of Sterritt St. on a "Kidnapping / CSC" run. While at this location officers investigated three (3) men who gave their consent to search the home for the kidnapped female. As a result, all three (3) men were arrested for "Violation of Controlled Substance Act". Confiscated were two (2) digital scales, one (1) shotgun and numerous plastic baggies containing marijuana, heroin and crack cocaine.

Western District

On September 14th, officers of the Western District responded to W. 7 Mile Rd. and Binwood on a "Shots Fired" run. The officer's investigation revealed that while two men were standing near the intersection two other men pulled in front of them and exited the vehicle with a handgun and demanded the man's Cartier glasses. When both men ran the other man fired several shots at them. Due to the quick response of the officers both men were arrested without incident. Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

Southwestern District

On September 18th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 13000 block Prest on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that a man and a woman were arguing when the man produced a handgun and they began to wrestle over control of it. When the handgun discharged and the woman was shot in the chest. The man was arrested without incident. Confiscated was one (1) handgun.



Northwestern District

On September 11th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 9000 block of Southfield on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that while a man was attempting to leave a birthday party another man approached him and fired several shots at him, striking him on the left side. As a result of this investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder", "Felony Assault", "Felon in Possession", "Felony Firearm" and "Habitual 4th Offense."



Police Community Services

On September 17th, officers from Police Community Services along with McGruff the Crime Dog and Eddie Eagle participated in the Westside Cub's Homecoming Parade. Officers were also on hand to distribute helpful information regarding crime prevention in the neighborhoods at the annual "Mayor's Time Fair" held at Cobo Hall. For more information on this program or any other, please call Police Community Services at (313)596-2520.

**6. PRESENTATION – DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

**DC Logan** stated that the presentation would be conducted by Lt. Taryn Foreman.

**(SEE ATTACHMENT)**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Comm. Holley**

**Lt. Foreman**

**Chairperson Ramirez**

**Lt. Foreman**

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the arrival of Comm. Hampton at 3:30 pm

**Lt. Foreman**

**Comm. Holley**

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**Chairperson Ramirez**

**Lt. Foreman**

**Comm. Holley**

**Lt. Foreman**

## **7. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS**

In the Matter of Disciplinary Appeal **BPC 05-003D, Police Officer Patricia Duncan**, badge 33, the Trial Board found the Officer guilty of charge I and the penalty is to be issued a written reprimand, effective March 11, 2003. Comm Subcommittee stated it will

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Detroit Police Department's Gang Enforcement Unit has been operating the G.R.E.A.T Program for approximately 13 years. The program is a life skills competency program designed to provide children with the skills they need to avoid gang pressure and youth violence. Currently, the United States Department of Justice Assistance is administering the program.

The Gang Enforcement Unit will receive **\$56,000 with no cash match.**

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she was aware the program had been around for 13 years. She asked if there anyone present to answer questions about the program?

**Lt. Yost** stated she is from Gang Enforcement, and is present to answer questions.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked Lt. Yost to give her an overview of this program and the areas they are in.

**Lt. Yost** stated G.R.E.A.T. is life-skills competency program designed to provide children with the skills they need to avoid gang pressure and youth violence. G.R.E.A.T.'s violence prevention curriculum helps students develop beliefs and practice behaviors that will help them avoid destructive behaviors. Currently, we teach in 12 schools and have over 2000 students. We have two full time certified officers and offer a comprehensive package with a family component and summer program.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked for the names of the schools.

**Lt. Yost** stated the schools change every thirteen weeks. Officer Roberson is here; he can tell you the names of the schools.

**P.O. Roberson** stated we have twelve. I have five and my partner has seven. Some of the schools are Joy Middle School, Schultz Middle School, Academy of Performing Arts, and Clifford Middle Schools.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked every thirteen weeks the schools are switched.

**P.O. Roberson** stated yes, every thirteen weeks we change schools.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked in Southwest Detroit do you have anyone on your team who speaks Spanish and English?

**P.O. Roberson** stated no, but when he is working in Southwest Detroit he has a teacher that speaks both languages to assist him.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how success is measured for your program.

**P.O. Roberson** after they graduate from middle school, we go to the high school and check their academic, attendance and attitudes.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked whether they follow the same students?

**P.O. Roberson** stated yes. We found that their attitudes are better and they have a better relationship with their parents. I also try to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the students. They are traumatized by the police and once they get to know me, they open up and a relationship is formed.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked at what grades do they start.

**P.O. Roberson** stated his partner does third, fourth and sixth, and he does seventh and eighth. I try to prepare them for high school.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked is there a post test that you use?

**P.O. Roberson** stated we use a form that we have created. The Justice Department is working on a form in Washington, DC. that we can use. The program has been successful.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated I need to ask these questions because there was no information in my package. We can not pass a grant without knowing the details. I need to know how you measure the program's success. The Federal Government wants everything to be measured.



**P.O. Roberson** stated the DOJ will contact us once they have completed that form.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated I will look forward to seeing that form when you get it.

**Lt. Yost** stated they do measure how many of the kids graduate from the program.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked are there any other measurements?

**Lt. Yost** stated no, not at this time.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked what other agencies they are you working with?

**P.O. Roberson** stated there are several agencies that we work with, including some from southwest Detroit.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked which agency in southwest Detroit?

**P.O. Roberson** stated Children's Aid Society. They help out families that we recommend, deal with gang violence.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated in southwest, there is the Detroit Hispanic Development that works with the youth and does life skills.

**P.O. Roberson** stated he is aware and has worked with them before.

**Comm. Holley** asked why the DOJ is administering the program instead of us.

**P.O. Roberson** stated because it is their money.

**Comm. Holley** stated you are telling us that you are comfortable with how the program is being administered.

**P.O. Roberson** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked during the 13 years of this program, have you given any thought to it being administered by the department instead of DOJ.

**P.O. Roberson** stated no, because we haven't had any problems.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated that I like the program, but I would like to see how it is being measured for success.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated now that she has a quorum we can vote on the Minutes and the G.R.E.A.T. Program

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the G.R.E.A.T. Program

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked AC Hall, do we have a problem with our scout cars?

**AC Hall, Jr.** stated yes and no. Some of the department's vehicles are in the garage for repair. To the degree that we don't have them out of the shop, we have a problem. We also have a backup in which we have received a number of new vehicles that we are going to put into service, to make sure we have enough vehicles out on the streets.

**Comm. Holley** asked about the bullet proof vests that were reported about on television.

**AC Hall, Jr.** stated there are plenty of vests from the vendors that the officers can switch out for their expired vests.

**Comm. Holley** wanted it to be known that as a Board member, we have a responsibility to help the Chief to get her message out for the Restructuring Plan. He stated we have to do more as Board members.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she has attended other organization meetings and had discussed and supported the Chief's plan.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she understands an appeal has been filed in the union matter and asked AC Hall when can we expect to hear a decision on the appeal.

**AC Hall, Jr.** stated that the Law Department is putting together that appeal. I have no valid time table, but I would assume it will happen in a week or two.

**Comm. Holley** stated if the community has spoken then that should put some pressure on the courts. Hopefully, the courts will ask what is in the best interest of the community.

**Comm. Hampton** stated that we have a good plan. It was well thought out based on the economics of the city. However, with any plan, there will be challenges. The Unions have challenged this plan and we must abide by the court decision. I would not mind creating a forum with the citizens so they can have a thorough explanation of what took place. If we can work in the confinement of the Charter with some assistance for Attorney Hooks, I hope we can expedite this.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, September 29, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Police Headquarters, Room 328-A**  
**1300 Beaubien**  
**Detroit, MI 48226**

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**Ms. Walters** asked AC Hall, Jr. if he said “we have a good plan”.

**AC Hall, Jr.** stated you heard correctly.

**Ms. Walters** stated the Police Department can’t do it alone. We as the community must get involved to make this work.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE’ L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**